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In re Application of:
Matthew G. Howell

Serial No.: 08/987,005 ✓

Filed: December 8, 1997

For: METHOD FOR MANAGING CABLES

Group Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: Bobby Rushing, Jr.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 5, 1999

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The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a method for using a cable carrying device, classified in class 29, subclass 868, and Group II, claims 5-14,

drawn to a method for using a cable carrying device/managing cable, classified in class 29,
subclass 872.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 5-14, without traverse and cancels Group I, claims 1-4,
without prejudice.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 713-787-1400 with any questions,
comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Entitled: "METHOD FOR MANAGING CABLES"
Inventor: Matthew G. Howell

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references, along with a check for the appropriate fee of \$240.00, and a Response to Restriction Requirement Dated January 5, 1999.

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